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Victims tell Kaczynski of horrors

By Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — An unrepentant Theodore Kaczynski on Monday was sentenced to four life terms in federal prison as a parade of his victims pleaded for harsh retribution and described how the confessed Unabomber's blasts shattered their lives.

"Lock him so far down so that when he does die, he'll be closer to hell. That's where the devil belongs," a New Jersey widow told a packed courtroom as she recounted the horror of seeing her husband's mangled body in their debris-strewn kitchen.

Another victim, a onetime Utah computer store employee who still picks shrapnel out of his arms, urged the court to make sure Kaczynski is never in a position to harm others again.

Kaczynski was steely-eyed as he listened to the victim's stories.

Albright takes risk to make strides in Mideast peace talk

LONDON (AP) — Holding another round of back-to-back talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is risking breakdown and seeking a breakthrough in the stalled Mideast peace process.

Albright's aim is persuading Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to better his offer of a 10 percent pullback from the West Bank.

She set up a breakfast meeting this morning with Netanyahu, their third session in less than 24 hours, and arranged a second meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"Clearly the timetable has been extended," U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin said. "We are ever so slightly more hopeful." But he told reporters that "we do not have compelling evidence the meetings will yield a breakthrough" and spoke of "grave risks of disillusionment and violence in the Middle East."

Whatever was said privately Monday, Israeli and Palestinian officials fought a public, rhetorical duel.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat claimed Monday that Netanyahu "presented nothing whatsoever" in his talks with Albright and was simply drawing out the process.

Netanyahu said the next move was up to Arafat, and the U.S. government continued to play down expectations. At the end of a first round of talks Monday, Rubin said there was no sign that mediators could "bridge the gaps."

David Bar-Illan, senior adviser to Netanyahu, said today that there could be another round of talks mediated in a similar way in a week or so, and that a face-to-face meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat might be in the offing.

"It looks unlikely that there will be one today, but it looks like a possibility for the next round, presumably in a week or so," he said.

Vote to come on closing 5th base

By Scripps Howard
News Service

WASHINGTON — The fate of efforts to mothball more military bases rests in the hands of a Senate committee which is scheduled to decide this week whether another politically unpopular round of closings is needed.

The Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to vote Wednesday or Thursday on a Clinton administration backed

measure that would call for a fifth base-closing round to be held in 2001.

Senate nose-counters say the committee remains locked in the 9-9 tie that left a nearly identical provision without the panel's backing last year. Undaunted, supporters brought the measure to the Senate floor, where it met a decisive demise.

That could be the fate as well of this year's attempt to get congressional ap-

proval to set up a commission that would recommend specific installations to be shut down.

Sponsors of this year's amendment, which would be attached to the fiscal 1999 defense authorization bill, haven't yet been able to budge any of the naysayers, who remain averse to signing on to legislation that could throw thousands of taxpayers out of work and hurt communities.

Forbes: Clinton is dismantling military system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes accused the Clinton administration Monday of "systematically dismantling" the nation's defense structure and reducing military readiness with spending cuts.

"It is systematically stripping away America's military might. It is severely weakening our ability to defend ourselves. ..." he said.

Fate of battleships stirs competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's outdated battleships no longer rule the waves, but they still command a lot of attention. The four that remain in the Navy's possession are at the center of one last battle: States on both coasts are vying to turn three into museums.

And some in Congress say these mothballed behemoths remain unrivaled in firepower and intimidation and at least two should stay in military reserve.

The battleship Missouri is already bequeathed to Pearl Harbor, and that leaves several states scrapping for the rights to the battleships New Jersey, the Iowa and the Wisconsin.

The competing interests collide this week on Capitol Hill. The Senate Armed Services Committee will consider whether to free up the New Jersey to become a museum on New Jersey's waterfront — a move that would take the Iowa out of donation status, frustrating efforts

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— William Stearman
U.S. Naval Fire Support Association

to turn it into a museum in San Francisco.

On all sides of the debate is an abiding respect for the four Iowa Class battleships — the New Jersey, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin — launched between 1942 and 1944 and active in conflicts from World War II to the Persian Gulf War.

"For a show of force, you can't beat the battleship," said William Stearman, di-

rector of the U.S. Naval Fire Support Association. "Only the battleship can belly up to a hostile area and show the flag and be a show of force."

The Missouri's fate is settled. It soon will be towed to Pearl Harbor as a memorial to World War II. The Missouri, on whose decks the Japanese surrendered to end the war, will be permanently docked near the battleship Arizona, which was sunk in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that thrust the United States into the war.

The New Jersey, Wisconsin and Iowa remain in mothball status — moored in Navy shipyards in Bremerton, Wash.; Norfolk, Va.; and Philadelphia respectively.

Through donations, the sale of vanity license plates and a checkoff on state income tax forms, a New Jersey commission already has raised \$3 million to turn the New Jersey into a floating museum on its side of the Hudson River.

Prowler crew interviewed in Italy crash

By New York Times

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — Two U.S. Marine Corps officers who sat in the rear seats of a jet that clipped ski-lift cables in Italy three months ago face a military hearing today that will test the degree to which crew members can be punished for the actions of those around them.

Twenty people died when the jet, an EA-6B Prowler, severed two cables that supported a gondola near Cavalese, in the Dolomites, on Feb. 3.

The Article 32 hearing at Camp Lejeune, N.C. will be watched closely by the Italian government, by legal experts and by members of the U.S. military. Lawyers may mount a full defense in hopes of avoiding a court-martial for the two officers, Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind.; and Capt. William Raney II, 26, of Englewood, Colo.

The same procedure is set to begin June 15 for the pilot and navigator.

Gore nurtures Saudi relationship

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Deep in a royal palace with a polished marble driveway, U.S. Vice President Al Gore spent more than four hours talking about Saudi Arabia's unstable corner of the globe.

Several hours later, he greeted sweaty airmen at the Prince Sultan desert base and looked over some of the 90 warplanes — including some British and French jets — that patrol the no-fly zone in southern Iraq and monitor Iran and rest of the Gulf region.

The settings couldn't have been more different, but the symmetry was clear: shared worries over Saddam Hussein's

resilience and Iran's reported efforts to add long-range ballistic missiles to a growing arsenal that could include biological weapons.

Gore's 24-hour stop in Saudi Arabia last week was aimed at shoring up America's strategic rapport with Saudi Arabia, a key military ally since the 1991 Gulf War.

Yet Saudi Arabia is constantly watched for any sign of pulling back the welcome mat for American forces.

"Saudi Arabia may be entering a period when it may rethink some of its policies," said Joshua Teitelbaum, researcher in Middle East studies in Tel Aviv.

More charges at VMI

By The Washington Post

Three Virginia Military Institute seniors were indicted Monday on hazing charges by a Rockbridge County, Va., grand jury after a former first-year cadet testified that they routinely assaulted him with a belt.

The misdemeanor indictments came less than two months after Gordon Saunders, the commonwealth's attorney in Rockbridge, decided there was not enough evidence to file assault charges in the case, in part because the former cadet, George Wade Jr., could be seen as a willing participant in the initiation.

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Surplus grows but House struggles to write 1999 budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as the Congressional Budget Office prepares to boost its latest estimate of the 1998 surplus to about \$50 billion, the chairman of the House Budget Committee is struggling to write a budget for next year calling for deeper cuts in both spending and taxes.

By midweek, CBO planned to release its monthly analysis of Treasury data on tax collections and federal spending for April, the month millions of Americans pay their income taxes. With the stout economy continuing to create more federal revenue than expected, Congress' nonpartisan fiscal monitor was likely to estimate 1998 black ink in a range of \$40 billion to \$60 billion, said two congressional budget analysts, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We'll probably come out with a range, and that number (\$50 billion) will be probably in the range," June O'Neill, the CBO director, said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press.

Such figures would be well above the \$18 billion surplus CBO said last month was possible, and would be sure to accelerate the demands on Capitol Hill for higher spending and deeper tax cuts. A 1998 surplus would be the government's first since its \$3 billion surplus in 1969.

In an interview broadcast Monday on CNBC and published in The Wall Street Journal, President Clinton said it was possible that this year's surplus could be \$50 billion.

FBI puts clinic bombing suspect on 'Most Wanted'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is putting the suspect in the nation's first fatal bombing of an abortion clinic on its 10-most-wanted list and boosting the reward for his capture to \$1 million, officials say.

The reward for Eric Robert Rudolph will be increased from the current \$100,000, federal officials said Monday, requesting anonymity.

The announcement was to come from Attorney General Janet Reno, FBI Direc-

Cancer news is great for mice, but humans?

BOSTON (AP) — The latest cancer news is really good — for rodents.

"If you're a mouse, you're in luck," said Dr. Joseph Sparano of New York City's Montefiore Medical Center.

His point, echoed by other specialists across the country, is that cancer in experimental lab mice is far easier to cure than cancer in people. Seemingly impressive breakthroughs in lab animals rarely translate into significant new treatments for human beings.

The researchers are generally impressed — but less than giddy — about the medical story of the moment: the discovery that two natural proteins called angiostatin and endostatin are incredibly powerful treatments for cancer in lab mice.

The discovery comes from the lab of Dr. Judah Folkman of Children's Hospital in Boston, where he has worked for many years on the idea that the key to cancer control is shut-

ting off the blood supply of tumors.

His experimental treatment does just that, but it has not been tested in people — something that could take years. And the company that has licensed the right to develop the stuff says none will be available to use in human experiments for 12 to 18 months.

"There have been promising leads in the past. This is as promising as any," said Dr. Robert Mayer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. "I hope it works, but I am reluctant to declare victory before we have even tested it."

Even with the generally subdued reaction of cancer experts, investors were clearly impressed by the drugs' potential. The stock price of Entremed Inc., the company developing angiostatin and endostatin, more than quadrupled Monday, a day after an article about Folkman's work appeared in The New York Times.

Pilot to recreate feat of generosity

By New York Times

NEW YORK — Fifty years ago, a young Air Force lieutenant named Gail Halvorsen gave the Berlin airlift a personal twist. Between June 1948 and May 1949, the allied operation carried more than 2.3 million tons of coal, flour and food to Berlin, which was cut off

by a Soviet land blockade. Over the same period, Halvorsen dropped candy and gum to the isolated sector's children.

This morning, the Candy Bomber, as he was christened, will take off from Brooklyn on a quest to recreate his past feat. Co-piloting a Douglas C-54e cargo plane that was

used in the original airlift, he will shower the now-unified city with sweets on June 26 as part of the celebration of the airlift's 50th anniversary.

"I tell you, it knocks 30 years off my life," Halvorsen, 77 said of the trip Monday at Floyd Bennett Field. Twelve others will also make the trip.

tor Louis Freeh and John Magaw, director of Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms at a news conference today at FBI headquarters.

The two steps are designed to elicit more leads from the public. They were proposed by Freeh after he recently visited agents supervising the search in North Carolina.

The 31-year-old carpenter from Murphy, N.C., has eluded capture since the Jan. 29 bombing at the New Woman All

Women Clinic in Birmingham, Ala., which killed a security guard and badly injured a nurse.

Within a week, Rudolph was sought as a material witness. By Feb. 14, he was formally charged with using an explosive device to damage the building, which carries a possible death sentence.

On March 17, the task force investigating the Birmingham bombing was formally merged with another task force investigating three bombings in Atlanta.

Survey calls for better options in child care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents are finding the lack of affordable and reliable day care a significant barrier to making a successful transition from the welfare rolls to the work force, said a study released Monday.

"Half of the families who are no longer on welfare have found jobs, but they overwhelmingly are modest-paying jobs, making it harder for parents to afford quality child care," according to the 1998 Kids Count survey sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Low-income parents who work non-traditional hours have even fewer child care options. The survey found about 3.5 million children under age 13 spend some time at home alone each week while their parents are at work.

"Even when cost is not an insurmountable barrier, many working-poor families find that child care is simply not available at the times and places it is needed. An increasingly competitive global econ-

omy has generated around-the-clock work hours," the report said.

The Casey Foundation, a children's advocacy group based in Baltimore, releases its Kids Count report annually.

"If we don't improve upon the current state of child care, we will not only undermine welfare reform and weaken the future workforce, but we also end up putting tens of thousands of children in harm's way," said Douglas Nelson, the foundation's president.

Overall, the foundation looked at 10 factors affecting young people, including infant mortality, high school dropout rates, single-parent households, violent crime arrest rates for juveniles and poverty rates.

The report found that the proportion of low birth-weight babies increased by 7 percent from 1985 to 1995. Alaska and North Dakota reported the lowest rates at 5.3 percent, while the District of Columbia had the highest rate at 13.4 percent.

Merriam-Webster stands by definitions of obscenities, slurs

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Under pressure to clean up the definition of racial slurs and obscenities, Merriam-Webster said Monday it will reformat entries for about 200 obscenities and "offensive" words in its Collegiate Dictionary.

However the company refused to rewrite the words' definitions.

"As long as the word is in use it is our responsibility as dictionary publishers to put the word into the dictionary," said Deborah Burns, marketing director for Merriam-Webster. "A dictionary is a scholarly reference, not a political tool."

In response to hundreds of complaints, Merriam-Webster set up a task force

to consider offensive definitions and whether to change the practice of listing definitions historically, with the oldest uses coming first.

Merriam-Webster will list definitions that way, but will move notes cautioning when certain usages are considered offensive to the front of the entry for that usage.

Settlement anticipated in tobacco trial

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune
ST. PAUL, Minn. — With prospects for a settlement looming, testimony in the Minnesota tobacco trial came to a conclusion Monday amid much uncertainty as to how it all will end.

After 3 1/2 months of courtroom sparring, tobacco industry attorneys said the testimony of their final witnesses effectively undercut the state's damages claim

in the consumer fraud lawsuit.

Attorneys for the state pronounced the defense strategy incoherent and thin.

All the while, though, trial participants were mindful of the possibility of an out-of-court settlement.

On Monday, state Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III tacitly acknowledged that talks continue by not denying it.

Parade victim sues Macy's

From The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A spectator injured after a giant balloon at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade careened into a lamppost has sued the department store for \$395 million.

Kathleen Caronna, 34, was in a coma for almost a month after a hunk of metal struck her in the head when the wind sent the Cat in the Hat balloon into the post.

The state Supreme Court lawsuit filed Monday also names the city as a defendant. It claims Macy's was careless, reckless and negligent in its operation of the Nov. 27 parade and disregarded the dangers to the public.

Caronna suffered a fractured skull, brain damage and impaired vision.

Hikers rescued from wild

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — After spending a night stranded on a snowy mountain, five people were rescued by helicopter after calling for help on a cellular telephone.

The three teen-age boys and two men left Sunday for a day hike on Mount San Gorgonio. They stopped near the 11,499-foot summit on the way down, fearing a fall in dense fog, and were on the mountain until Monday.

One of the men was hospitalized for treatment of snowblindness.

Denny's faces another lawsuit

BALTIMORE — Black sixth-graders on a field trip to Disney World were denied service at a Denny's restaurant, school officials said Monday, the latest in a series of complaints against the chain that settled a \$46 million discrimination lawsuit in 1994.

The students from Baltimore's Ashburton Elementary-Middle School and their chaperones entered the Ocoee, Fla. restaurant Thursday night, and were not greeted or seated, school officials said.

After seating themselves, the students waited 20 minutes before some received menus, and left an hour later without being served. Meanwhile, white customers who entered later were served, said school officials.

Official of pope's guard is found shot to death

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A member of the pope's elite Swiss Guard apparently shot and killed his new commander and the official's wife Monday night, and then turned the gun on himself, the Vatican said.

A next-door neighbor found the bodies of Alois Estermann — named leader of the Swiss Guards earlier Monday — his wife and officer Cedrich Tornay after hearing loud noises coming from inside the commander's apartment.

Tornay apparently killed the two victims before shooting himself in what appeared to have been a "moment of madness," said a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, who did not elaborate.

The killing was the first within the walls of Vatican City in 150 years.

Estermann, 43, was named commander of the Swiss Guard by the Roman Catholic pontiff. The position had been vacant for nearly seven months, and Estermann had been serving as acting commander of the papal army. He had traveled with John Paul on more than 30 trips abroad.

The three bodies were found lying in the entrance hall of the apartment just inside the St. Anne gate, one of the Vatican's main public entrances, the ANSA news agency reported. The dwelling is a few hundred yards from the sprawling complex of papal apartments.

The Vatican spokesman said investigators found Tornay's pistol underneath his body. An autopsy is scheduled for this morning.

Indonesians suspected in oil tanker hijacking

From The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Chinese authorities have detained 12 Indonesians for allegedly hijacking an oil tanker, siphoning off its petroleum and attempting to smuggle its cargo into China, the ship's agents said today.

The Malaysian-registered Petro Ranger tanker was reported missing while sailing to Vietnam with a cargo worth \$1.5 million and was discovered in the southern Chinese port of Haikou on Hainan Island 11 days later.

The vessel left Singapore on April 16 bound for Ho Chi Minh City with about 11,000 tons of diesel and kerosene, and was hijacked by gun-wielding pirates one day into the three-day voyage.

Cubans given refuge in Canada

OTTAWA — The Canadian government has agreed to accept three more Cuban political prisoners released by Fidel Castro's government after visit Canada's prime minister.

The three, including two with family ties to exiles already in Canada, were expected to arrive in Toronto on Tuesday after bad weather in Havana delayed their departure Monday night.

One of the new arrivals was reportedly serving a sentence for terrorist activity and another played a role in a violent boat hijacking.

Quake jolts Okinawa

TOKYO — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.3 jolted Japan's southern island of Okinawa today, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

The earthquake was centered about 12 miles under the seabed off Okinawa, 1,000 miles, southwest of Tokyo.

Serb on trial for crimes

BIJELO POLJE, Yugoslavia — A Serb charged with kidnapping and killing 19 civilians during the Bosnian war — selecting them because of their Muslim names — went on trial Monday in a Yugoslav court.

Nebojsa Ranisavljevic, 34, is charged with taking part in kidnapping the people, mostly Muslims, from a train in February 1993.

Annan: No regrets in Rwanda

By Los Angeles Times

NAIROBI, Kenya — A global lack of willpower was to blame for the failure to prevent Rwanda's 1994 genocide, Kofi Annan, the U.N. secretary-general, acknowledged Monday. But he said he had no personal regrets for decisions he made then as head of U.N. peacekeeping.

"The fundamental failure" in the Rwandan situ-

ation "was the lack of political will, not the lack of information," said Annan, reading a prepared statement to a news conference in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, one of the stops on his eight-nation Africa tour.

While falling short of an apology, his comments were similar to those made by President Clinton on his tour of Africa last month — that the world

had failed the people of Rwanda.

Annan's remarks, coming just four days before his first trip to Rwanda as the United Nations' top official, came in response to a May 11 New Yorker article asserting that his office in effect dismissed a warning of the impending genocide from the commander of peacekeepers in Rwanda on Jan. 11, 1994.

Iran warns U.S. of possible rift

By Los Angeles Times

TEHRAN, Iran — Four months after President Mohammad Khatami's bold overture to the American people, senior Iranian officials are warning that recent U.S. actions have jeopardized prospects for an end to 20 years of hostility.

Iran asserts that a growing list of negative policy decisions signals an effective American rejection of that initial step toward eventual rapprochement. The decisions include launching Radio Free Iran, blocking a proposed Caspian pipeline

through Iran, refusing to certify Iran's widely acclaimed anti-narcotics program, undermining participation in the Islamic Conference summit, humiliating Iranian visitors to the United States at a time when Americans are now welcome in Iran and citing Iran as the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism.

"The United States is losing an important opportunity by simply not being able to show ... that it is ready to crack the wall of mistrust," Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif said.

Donahue says trash TV just a passing fad

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Big Brother shouldn't curb Jerry Springer's diet of hair-pulling, name-calling and bizarre confessions, says Phil Donahue.

Donahue, a pioneer in the talk show wars, told a fundraising dinner Saturday that preserving America's guarantee of freedom of speech is more important than placing curbs on Springer.

He also predicted that the current wave of television sensationalism will fade once the novelty wears off. "Trash TV will fold," he said.

Donahue lamented the fact that Springer's popularity mirrors a society in which crime is rampant in schools and teen-agers can identify TV show characters but not Supreme Court justices.

But the 29-year veteran interviewer was reluctant to criticize the style of his controversial colleague.

"It is professional wrestling in a way," Donahue said. "I went too far occasionally, myself."

Fergie makes the game but fears error in song

CHICAGO (AP) — It wasn't quite cricket, so don't blame Fergie for being a bit in the dark.

Sarah Ferguson, Britain's Duchess of York, passed on a chance Saturday to lead Chicago Cubs fans in the seventh-inning stretch rendition of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. But it wasn't because of snootiness or stage fright.

"I don't know the words," she said, laughing.

Ferguson, making her first visit to an American baseball park, agreed to stand in the press booth with announcer Steve Stone and wave to fans during the song.

In town for a fund-raiser benefiting Lou Gerhig's disease research, the ex-wife of Prince Andrew said she enjoyed the game known as America's pastime.

"It's a good game, this baseball. I like it," she said.

Harman brings in bucks

MOBILE, Ala. — A hug from Mark Harmon and a walk-on role opposite him on *Chicago Hope* was worth \$7,500 to a female fan bidding at a benefit auction.

Joy Grodnick outbid all others Friday at the auction for the Mary Abbie Berg

Senior Citizens Center, eager to fulfill her dream of appearing on television. Grodnick will appear on the CBS drama next season.

The center reached its goal of raising \$25,000 with the role and by selling other Harmon items including a coat worn by the actor during filming of HBO's *From the Earth to the Moon*. The coat sold for \$1,250 and high bidder Arlene Mitchell also got a hug from Harmon afterward.

Tribute or rip-off?

PITTSBURGH — Modern rockabilly musician Kim Lenz admits her first album looks a lot like the first album cover of rockabilly pioneer Gene Vincent. It's a tribute, not a rip-off.

The album *Kim Lenz and her Jaguars* has Lenz playing guitar in the foreground, with her band assuming various poses wearing black suits and blue scarves.

"It's really cool because the people who know rockabilly right off the bat go, 'Oh, my God, it's that first Gene Vincent record.' They freak out," Lenz told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in Saturday's editions.

**Faces
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places**

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1988 — Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, optimistic that Congress will pass legislation making it easier to close unneeded military bases, established a bipartisan commission to select redundant facilities.

20 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1978 — The United States and the Philippines reaffirmed an agreement to place American military bases under Filipino commanders. The statement was devoted exclusively to the status of Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base and made no mention of human rights issues.

30 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1968 — Bobby Ussery rode Dancer's Image to victory at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., to become the first jockey in 66 years to win consecutive Kentucky Derbies.

40 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1958 — Former President Truman said President Eisenhower's defense reorganization plan was a duplicate of the one he had proposed in 1949.

50 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1948 — Eleven days before the end of British rule over Jerusalem, the United States admitted defeat in its attempt in the United Nations to establish a protective trusteeship.

Regis cashes in on Seinfeld episode

NEW YORK (AP) — Even Regis Philbin is cashing in on *Seinfeld* — at \$75 an episode.

The star of the morning show, *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee*, rakes in a \$75 royalty check each time the episode he is featured in is rebroadcast, Philbin told TV Guide in its May 3 issue.

The episode, which was the fifth-season finale, featured the character Kramer on *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee* plugging his coffee-table book.

The only thing that makes Philbin wince was his lines in the show.

"Jerry insisted that people would scream with laughter if I said 'bonkos.' Let me tell you, he was wrong. I'm the only guy in the history of *Seinfeld* who never got a laugh," Philbin said.

Rogers helps Oakland shake off losing streak

From The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — No Oakland starter won more than six games last year. Kenny Rogers has almost matched that total in the first five weeks of this season.

Rogers (5-1) won his fourth straight start Monday night as the Athletics beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-4. He became the sixth major league pitcher to win five games this season.

Jason Giambi and Scott Spiezio each drove in two

runs in support of Rogers, who gave up four runs and six hits in seven-plus innings as the A's snapped a two-game losing streak.

"He was outstanding. He's pitching great baseball for us," Oakland manager Art Howe said.

Toronto starter Pat Hentgen was plagued by control problems, walking seven batters in three-plus innings. He allowed four hits and four runs.



White Sox 6, Angels 5

Rookie Magglio Ordonez hit a tying homer in the seventh and pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra had a two-run double in the eighth as Chicago won at Anaheim.

Angels starter Allen Watson left with a 4-3 lead before Rich DeLucia (1-1) surrendered Ordonez's solo shot with two outs in the seventh.

The White Sox took the lead in the eighth when Sierra hit a drive to the gap in right-center.

Rockies climb over Phillies

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Thomson pitched seven strong innings and Vinny Castilla hit his major league-leading 14th home run as the Colorado Rockies beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-2 Monday night.

The Rockies, the league's best-hitting team, had an eight-run lead before the Phillies scored their first run in the fourth. Colorado has won four of its last five and six of its last eight.

Castilla homered for the third straight game, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs. Mike Lansing drove in four runs, Todd Helton drove in three and Ellis Burks homered.

Reds 4, Expos 1

MONTREAL — Scott Winchester allowed three hits in six innings for his first major league victory as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Montreal Expos.

Dmitri Young and Barry Larkin hit RBI doubles in the first, and Bret Boone and Eduardo Perez added solo homers in the ninth as the Reds ended the Expos' three-game winning streak.

Braves 4, Dodgers 2

ATLANTA — Javy Lopez hit a two-run single after Keith Lockhart led off the eighth inning with a homer, giving the Atlanta Braves a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Kevin Millwood (4-1) allowed only four hits and picked up the win when the Braves scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth after Todd Zeile homered to give the Dodgers a 2-1 lead in the top of the inning.

Lockhart answered Zeile's leadoff homer with one of his own, clubbing a 3-1 fastball into the right-field seats to knock out Dodgers starter Hideo Nomo.

Padres 13, Brewers 5

MILWAUKEE — Jose Mercedes has gone from forgetful to forgettable.

The Milwaukee right-hander, who missed a start earlier this season when he forgot what time the game started, had the second-worst pitching performance in club history as the San Diego Padres routed the Brewers.

Giants 8, Marlins 0

MIAMI — Shawn Estes pitched a four-hitter and the San Francisco Giants hit three homers to beat Florida 8-0 Monday night before 12,806 fans, the smallest home crowd in the Marlins' six-year history.

Bill Mueller and Barry Bonds hit back-to-back homers in the third against rookie Andy Larkin (1-2). Jeff Kent added a three-run homer in the fifth.

Williams sisters push up ranks

ROME (AP) — While their father orchestrated a gradual entry into professional tennis, this year, the Williams sisters are rushing up the ranks. They say it's not by chance.

Venus Williams, who is 17, has a 22-3 match record since January, including two tournament titles — nearly as impressive as the 25-3 showing by Martina Hingis, the world's top-ranked woman player.

Her 16-year-old sister, Serena, shows even more dramatic results, climbing from No. 453 in October to No. 31.

The sisters were to have made their Rome debut Monday — and Serena's debut on clay — but rain washed out all 16 opening-day matches at the Italian Open.

Still, the rain did not dampen their enthusiasm as they talked about how they got where they are so fast.

"It's not luck, I've been working hard for years," said Venus, who broke into the top 10 after just one full year on the tour.

"I really expect a lot from my tennis. I'm really very serious."

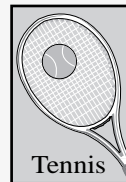
Even before their scheduled matches, they have been drawing big crowds at the Foro Italico practice courts, working out in spirited rallies under the gaze of their mother, Oracene.

Italian tennis figure Adriano Panatta has been impressed.

"More than their physical ability, I have been struck by their confidence. They look like veterans, already," said the former French Open champion.

Venus Williams, seeded No. 9, will play Yayuk Basuki in her first match, while Serena drew a tough veteran in the 11th seeded Nathalie Tauziat for her first match on European clay.

The sisters are in the same side of the draw and could meet in the quarterfinals.



Sonics blow out Lakers, 106-92

By Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE — There was a push, but it didn't come to shove. There was an action, but not a reaction.

There were the Seattle SuperSonics midway through the fourth quarter Monday night, and then there were the Los Angeles Lakers.

"They pushed us and intimidated us," Nick Van Exel said, "and we backed away."

They were backed into a hole, and then were unable, or unwilling to do anything about it. They were in deep too, suddenly not merely losing a game, as had been the case minutes earlier, but getting blown out, eventually by a 106-92 margin before 17,072 at KeyArena in the opener of



the Western Conference semifinals.

What a strange time to sound retreat. The SuperSonics were the team, after all, that had gone 3-3 to close the regular season and then needed five games to shake off the young Minnesota Timberwolves, finally finishing Saturday and getting only one practice and a shootaround to prepare for this always-emotional matchup.

The Lakers? They had won 25 of their previous 29 games and had been off since beating the Portland Trail Blazers on Thursday.

Not only that, the Lakers had the momentum, their 14-point deficit early in

the third quarter gone in a little more than eight minutes, leading to a tie at 82-82 with 8:39 left in the fourth. The SuperSonics went up, but only by 88-86 with 5:25 remaining.

And that was the last anyone saw of the Lakers. A 15-3 rally by Seattle took care of that, a span of three minutes 45 seconds during which Rick Fox accounted for the only Los Angeles field goal and Shaquille O'Neal, bound for 27 points and 11 rebounds, made one free throw.

"They just dominated us, that's all," Coach Del Harris said. "Their defense and energy was better than ours. Thirteen-point quarters are not going to get you much."

Oilers stun Avalanche with shutout

From The Associated Press

DENVER — The Edmonton Oilers got it all: timely scoring, tough defense and another great job by goalie Curtis Joseph.

Joseph recorded his second straight shutout Monday night as the seventh-seeded Oilers upset the second-seeded Avalanche 4-0 in the decisive Game 7 of their Stanley Cup playoff series.

The Oilers, becoming only the 14th team in NHL history to rally from a 3-1 deficit and win a best-of-7 series, will meet the Dallas Stars in the Western Conference semifinals beginning Thursday in Dallas. In Thursday's other playoff game, Ottawa plays at Washington in the Eastern Conference.

On Friday, St. Louis is at Detroit in the West and Montreal at Buffalo in the East.

Edmonton also rebounded from a 3-1 deficit in the first round against Winnipeg in 1990, going on to capture its fifth Stanley Cup.

"This was never-say-die," Joseph said of his team's three straight victories to stave off elimination, "and everyone on this team lived by that motto."



With his third consecutive standout game in goal, Joseph extended his shutout streak to 163 minutes, 40 seconds since allowing a breakaway goal to Stephane Yelle late in the first period of Game 5. That was the only goal that Joseph gave up to the Avalanche in the last three games.

Joseph had 31 saves Monday night and stopped the last 82 shots he faced in the series.

"The guys up in front of me let me see the puck, and that's the most important thing for a goaltender," Joseph said. "They directed rebounds and blocked some shots at key times. Nobody gave up anything."

Oilers coach Ron Low said his team was "counted out when we trailed 3-1 in the series. Very few teams have done what they accomplished."

United States upset by France in World Hockey Championship

From The Associated Press

ZURICH, Switzerland — Herb Brooks pulled off another miracle as France beat the United States 3-1 Monday at the World Ice Hockey Championships, seriously damaging the Americans' chances of advancing to the second round.

Brooks, who led the U.S. to its stunning 1980 Olympic triumph at Lake Placid, New

York, that was later coined the Miracle on Ice, this time is working his magic on France, now in a position to qualify for the second round.

"I'm happy for the French guys but I go a long way back in the coaching ranks with the U.S.," said Brooks. "We got some bounces today."

In Group D play in Basel, Alexei Kovalev of the New York Rangers scored the first

hat trick of the tournament, helping Russia to a hard-fought 7-5 victory over winless Latvia to clinch a second-round berth.

With the loss, the United States must now defeat 1994 Olympic champion Sweden in C Group round robin play if it hopes to advance and avoid the B-pool relegation playoffs.

"It's a huge mountain to

climb and it's our own fault," said Chicago Blackhawks Eric Weinrich. "We should've been ready to play today and we weren't."

The United States had arrived in this tiny alpine nation hoping to make up for its quarterfinal exit at the Nagano Olympics and its subsequent acts of vandalism, but instead finds itself scrambling to save face once more.